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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tuan T Dinh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-11,14,15,19-21,25 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,11-13,16-18 and 22-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-26), and further election of Specie I (claims 1-7, 11-13, 16-18, and 22-24) in Paper No. 3 are acknowledged.

Claims 27-46 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwane (U. S. Patent 5,719,750).

As to claim 1, Iwane discloses an electronic device (column 4, line 12) as shown in figures 2-13 comprising:

a circuit board (10, column 3, line 42);

a first circuit (6a-6c) disposed on a first side of the circuit board, the first circuit connected to a first ground plane (3a, column 3, lines 58-59) of the circuit board (10);

a second circuit (6d-6e) disposed on a second side of the circuit board, wherein the second side is opposite the first side, the second circuit connected to a second ground plane (3b, column 3, lines 58-59) of the circuit board; and

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wherein the first and second ground planes respectively lie in different planes (see figures 2, 6, 8, and 10) of the circuit board (10) and are electrically interconnected by a conductive trace (1, 2, and 4) disposed within the circuit board.

As to claims 11 and 13, Iwane discloses the device as shown in figures 2, 6, 8, and 10 wherein the circuit board (10) comprises two or more layers (5a-5e, column 3, lines 43-44) disposed between the first and second sides.

As to claim 12, Iwane discloses the device as shown in figures 2-10 wherein the first ground plane (3a) is disposed on one of the two or more layers (5c-5e) and the second ground plane (3b) is disposed on another of the two or more layers (5a-5d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-7, 16-18, and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwane ('750) in view of Hirashiro et al. (JP 406069680A, hereafter JP).

As to claims 2-4, Iwane discloses all of the limitations of claimed invention, except for the first circuit having a switch mode power supply, which is a forward-type switch mode power supply or a flyback-type switch mode power supply.

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JP shows an inverter module as shown in figures 1-3 comprising a printed circuit board (3) having a power circuit (5a), the power circuit (5a) comprises a capacitor (18) and an inductor (26) capable of being either forward/flyback type switch mode power supplies.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize a first circuit having a switch mode power supply (forward/flyback type switch mode power supply), as taught by JP, employed in the printed circuit board of Iwane in order to provide a switching circuit and operate a power for a circuit board.

As to claims 5-6, JP shows a second circuit controls a first circuit, and the first circuit is adapted to power the second circuit.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a second circuit controls a first circuit, and the first circuit is adapted to power the second circuit, as taught by JP, employed in the printed circuit board of Iwane in order to provide control and power facilitate circuit for a circuit board.

As to claims 7, 18, Iwane and JP do not show the second circuit operates at current levels substantially lower than the first circuit.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a second circuit operates at current levels substantially lower than a first circuit in order to control a power that applied on the PCB as taught by Iwane and JP.

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As to claims 16-17, Iwane discloses all of the limitations of the claimed invention, except for a power loop and a control circuit disposed on first and second surfaces of the PCB, and the power loop is adapted to power the control circuit.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a power loop and a control circuit disposed on first and second surfaces of the PCB, as taught by JP, employ in the PCB of Iwane for purpose of providing power and control input/output signals for the PCB.

As to claims 22 and 24, Iwane discloses the device as shown in figures 2, 6, 8, and 10 wherein the circuit board (10) comprises two or more layers (5a-5e, column 3, lines 43-44) disposed between the first and second sides.

As to claim 23, Iwane discloses the device as shown in figures 2-10 wherein the first ground plane (3a) is disposed on one of the two or more layers (5c-5e) and the second ground plane (3b) is disposed on another of the two or more layers (5a-5d).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sasaki et al. and Akiba et al disclose related art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T Dinh whose telephone number is 703-306-5856. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Talbott can be reached on 703-305-9883. The fax phone numbers

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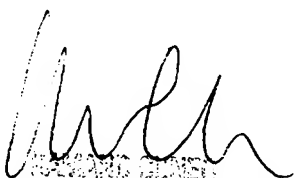
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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-1341 for regular communications and 703-305-1341 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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